EXCERPT FROM LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1976, TO SENATOR DICK CLARK FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY CONCERNING U.S. GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN RECRUITMENT, TRAINING OR DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES INTO ANGOLA

Senator Percy asked the Secretary if the United States government is in any way involved in the recruitment, training or deployment of American mercenaries into Angola. The Secretary replied that we were not directly involved but that while he was not certain, he thought it was possible that some United States-provided funds might have been indirectly used by UNITA to recruit Americans and that he would verify this for the record. We have consulted with the Central Intelligence Agency and have been assured that no United States funds are being used directly or indirectly, to recruit, train or deploy American mercenaries and that the CIA has emphasized to both movements that it will not permit their use of any United States funds for such purposes.